Use of synthetic milk by Nestle

2278. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nestle is using synthetic milk, urea and caustic soda to make its baby food as per the news-item of the Times of India, dated 10th August, 1995; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) As per the information received from the Government of Punjab, no sample of milk products of Nestle life for testing was found to contain syntheic milk, urea, caustic soda or any other harmful ingredient.

(b) Does not arise.

Rise of Malaria in Maharashtra

2279. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra is amongst the worst malaria prone states in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the total positive cases of malaria that occurred in the state during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) how many deaths were reported in the state during the said period;

(d) whether it is a fact that P Falci perum cases are rising alarmingly in the state; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken by Government to control and eradicate malaria in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total number of positive cases and deaths due to Malaria, district-wise during 1993, 1994 and 1995 in Maharashtra is given at the annexure. [See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 51]

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The number of P. Falciperum cases in the State of Maharashtra during 1993, 1994 and 1995 were as under:

Year	P. Falciperum
1993	67,867
1994	1,03,616
1995	1,31,602

The steps taken to control and eradicate Malaria in the State of Maharashtra include:—

- — early detection and prompt treatment of malaria cases;
- — vector control through effective use of insecticides to interrupt transmission;
- — anti-larval measures to eliminate mosquitoes breeding through source reduction and application of larvicides and adoption of bio-environmental approaches;
- — intensification of Health education activities to create public awareness and participation in anti-Malaria programme;
- — community involvement in Malaria Control activities;
- — implementation of the revised Drug Policy as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee for High Risk areas;
- — A Malaria Control Project to intensify the activities in the tribal areas in the State with external assistance is currently under formulation
- — New Generation insecticides viz. synthetic pyreth-roids have also been supplied by Govt. of India in the year 1996 to be used selectively in triple resistant areas.
- — Biocides have also been supplied to Maharashtra in 1996 to be used in urban areas on a pilot basis.

Formation of groups to look into product development by Air India and Indian Airlines

2280. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines